

Board of Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
May 18, 2021

The Regular meeting of the Board of Recreation Commissioners was held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021.

Chairman Coiley called the meeting to order 7:00 p.m.

Everyone said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Coiley read the following statement: Adequate notice of the meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act by posting written notice of the meeting at the Municipal Building, 1000 Route 10 and posting such notice to the following newspaper: Morris County Daily Record and filing same with the Township Clerk.

ATTENDANCE: Present were Commissioners: M. Giorgio, P. Monteverdi, Committeeman Mihalko, Alternate Commissioner C. J. Engleberger, Chairman J. Coiley, Supt. D. Brennan, and T. Quirk, Assistant Superintendent.

Absent: Commissioners P. Berkenkamp, R. Brueno, G. Salese, and Alternate Commissioner Tasso.

TURF FIELD PRESENTATION: Robert DiPiazza from Field Turf was invited to give a presentation to the Commissioners. He reviewed different options for turfing township fields and answered questions. At the conclusion of the presentation a lengthy discussion among the Commissioners followed. Company literature is on file.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

An email from the Engineering Department had previously been generated regarding the explanation for the delay in getting the tennis courts resurfaced. Chairman Coiley questioned why the report begins in the year 2020 when the project was approved in the budget of February 2017. Committeeman Mihalko will reach the Engineering Liaison, Ace Gallagher for an update.

Supt. Brennan explained in the meantime, the tennis courts at Black Brook are going to be painted and relined. The middle court will be for hockey and roller hockey. Lines will be added on the end court for pickleball.

Supt. Brennan shared a letter from a teacher requesting a 5th grade pool party, and her response as to why the request had to be denied.

ENGINEERING REPORT: Supt. Brennan shared the following report from the Engineering Department:

Bee Meadow Pool Dual Slide/Rock Wall – Project complete; however, there has been an issue with the anchors coming loose that secure one of the supports for the yellow slide to the concrete deck. The contractor indicated today that he will attempt to correct the issue by modifying the support system to stabilize the anchors. This will not affect the opening of the pool or use of the slide.

Bee Meadow Pool Shower Renovation – The Ordinance for the project was introduced at the May 13th Township Committee Meeting and will be adopted at the June 10th Township Committee Meeting. Renovation to be completed prior to the opening of the pool for the 2022 season.

Bee Meadow Nature Trail – Phase II – The Wetland Permit Application will be submitted to the NJDEP shortly. Plans and Specifications are 99% complete.

Bee Meadow Nature Trail – Phase III - Proposal for design has been approved. Wetlands delineation and associated survey work complete. Preparing application to NJDEP.

Bee Meadow Nature Trail – Phase IV – Proposal for design has been approved. Wetlands delineation and associated survey work complete. Preparing application to NJDEP.

Black Brook Park Multi-Purpose Field – Proposal for Environmental Investigation approved and Purchase Order prepared April 26th. Waiting for consultant to schedule work.

ASST. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Girls Lacrosse: Asst. Supt. Quirk shared an email he just received that girls grade 3-4 just won their first game tonight. They are very excited.

Swim Team: The Swim Team Board is working very hard to schedule meets. At this time it is still up in the air whether meets are going to be virtual or in person.

Field Permits: Although there were a few glitches in the beginning, things have worked themselves out and all is going well.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Summer Plus: There are three sessions for summer plus with each session’s maximum of 60 registrants. The first two are filled and the third session is currently at 59. Supt. Brennan will

meet with the Health Department tomorrow to review the updates on guidelines and restrictions.

Travelling Teens: We are happy that the staff from last year is returning. Registration has started. The maximum registrations that will be accepted is 20 per session.

Wildcat Camps: There are six different camps with a maximum of 30 per camp.

Summer Concert Series: This year there is an abbreviated schedule. There is no concert on July 5 because of the holiday. July 12 is family entertainment, July 19 the B Street Band will be performing, and July 26 the Kootz Band is scheduled.

Movie Night: Friday evening Recreation ran a movie, Sandlot, in conjunction with FMBA. The weather was perfect and everyone had a wonderful time.

Hanover Tigers Youth Football League (HTYFL): They have a new board and Leslie Sica is the President. A Family Fun Day has been scheduled for Sunday, May 23rd for grades K-8. It will be a mix of boot camp, activities, pizza, etc. The local police will be involved as well. They will have a circuit training, and are providing photo IDs.

Bee Meadow Pool Membership (BMP): Currently there are 634 BMP memberships! In 2019 at year end there was a grand total of 665 memberships. The most memberships were in 2015 with a total of 685 memberships.

OLD BUSINESS:

Monroe Hall: Outside groups have been inquiring about using facilities for meetings. Currently the only reservations being taken are for recreation sponsored groups. The CDC still requires social distancing and maintaining a 6-foot distance. That would make the maximum attendance at Monroe Hall 20 people. Afterwards the room would need to be sanitized. These requirements are going to necessitate a Proctor, and all groups (including currently exempt groups) will be required to pay a proctor fee.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Programs: We will be running two new programs this summer with Jay Hersch. Fitness Bootcamp, a six-week program beginning July 22 will be opening to kids in grades K-8. Also, Basketball 101 will be another 5-week program, and will include exercises and skills building. Both of the programs will be held at Black Brook Park.

Hanover Township Day: Hanover Township Day is going to be held on Saturday, September 18. Because the fireworks will follow, both events will be held here at this campus, not at

Malapardis Park. While HT Day is an empty pocket day, we would like to bring back the food trucks, but only for the fireworks portion of the day.

CLOSED SESSION:

Chairman Coiley read the following statement:

Whereas the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231 of the Law of 1975, which provides that a public body may exclude the public from that portion of the meeting at which the public body discussed certain matters from which confidentiality is required as permitted by Section 7b of the Act.

1. The following matter of Personnel is to be discussed by the Recreation Commission on a confidential basis as provided in Section 7b of the Act.
2. The matter will be considered at this time and the public shall not be admitted to this discussion.
3. The result of the discussion set forth above, to be conducted in closed session will be disclosed to the public, if possible, when the meeting is reconvened.

RE-OPEN:

The meeting came out of closed session at 8:45 p.m. and reconvened into open session. Chairman Coiley made a motion to approve the Bee Meadow Pool refund request as stated in closed session. Commissioner Monteverdi seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all in favor of approving the request.

Chairman Coiley made a motion to approve the seasonal personnel rates for 2021. Committeeman Monteverdi seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

MINUTES AND VOUCHERS:

Commissioner Monteverdi made a motion to approve the vouchers from the May 13th meeting. Commissioner Giorgio seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Giorgio made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 20th meeting. Alternate Commissioner Engleberger seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURN: Commissioner Monteverdi made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Berkenkamp. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dinah Schill
Board Secretary